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During emergency meeting held Tuesday, Nov. 5th

Elba BOE approves motion to declare roofing project an emergency and submit letter to state

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday evening, Nov. 5, in an emergency meeting to handle business relating to a roofing project for the schools.

Superintendent Donny Powell told board members the purpose of the meeting was to approve creating a letter declaring an emergency for the roofing project.

"We had not written a letter previously declaring an emergency," Powell said.

He said in creating a declaration of emergency, the board would simply send the letter to the department of construction with the state for approval. He said the project's architect needs approval from the department of construction before he can move forward with the project.

"We are ready to move forward if we can get this approved," Powell said.

He added that once the architect receives approval from the department of construction, the information will go out to get bids from contractors. By declaring the project an emergency, the school system can skip a few steps such as having to advertise the project for bid for a certain number of weeks.

"We will need at least three people to respond [to the request for proposals]," Powell said. "The architect hopes to open those bids on Dec. 5th."

After the proposals are opened, board member DeAnn Grantham said the architect would recommend awarding the project to the

low bidder and the board would again need to meet to approve that recommendation.

Board member Miranda Russell made the motion to create a letter declaring the roofing project an emergency and to send that letter to the department of construction with the state. Board member Debra Clark provided the second to that motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

The superintendent said he does not believe any construction work would begin before Christmas on the project, but he said the school system is now closer to getting the issue fixed. He said he sees no issue with the state approving the project as an emergency to allow it to move forward, however.



Coffee County Farmers Federation helps raise funds supporting agricultural education during skeet shoot

Coffee County Farmers Federation and First South Farm Credit team participants in the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation Skeet Shoot were [pictured above from left] Jamie Wyrosdick, Senator Josh Camley, Lee Childers and Steven Blackmon. The annual event was held Nov. 1 at Selwood Farms in Alpine to raise money for Foundation scholarships, Ag in the Classroom and other programs supporting agricultural education and youth development.

The mission of the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation is "to support and advance agriculture in the state of Alabama through education and research; increase awareness of agriculture in Alabama through public programs and activities; improve and expand agricultural services and products for the benefit of all citizens and to establish and maintain high standards in agriculture."

Annually, the Foundation supports Alabama Ag in the Classroom and mini-grants for teachers; the Alabama Jr. Livestock Expo; college scholarship programs; and the Alfa Youth Leadership Conference.

Elba Mini Mites win Superbowl for Pea River Youth Football League



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS! The Elba Parks and Recreation's Mini Mites football team finished the 2024 football season as the Champions of their division. Elba participates in the Pea River Youth Football League. The Elba Mini Mites defeated Goshen last Saturday, Nov. 9, to win the Superbowl and claim the championship for the division. The Elba Termites ended the season as runners-up as they were defeated by Opp in the Superbowl while the Elba PeeWee team also claimed the runner up spot falling to Daleville in last Saturday's Superbowl. The Mini Mite champions are pictured above celebrating their win. They are: (kneeling) Cole Capps, Bryce Bludsworth, Bentley Bullard, Grayson Kirkland (defensive MVP), Hudson Burlison, Rylan Pittman, Easton Burlison, Zacharias Jones, Kayston Kidd, DJ Burnett; Nation Sconiers; (standing) Noah Edwards, TJ McElroy, Lamarkus Virghes, A'Quinn Edwards, Kyson Hall, Jamarian Walker, Jameri Bryant, Messiah Johnson, Clarence Lane, Chase Adkins (offensive MVP), Koeyn Jacobs, Riggs Moore, and Aaden Wallace; and coaches (back) Terrence McElroy, Iverson Lane, Ralston Moore, Clarence Lane, Gabe Liles.



ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONORS VETERANS...Chants of "USA! USA!" could be heard throughout the halls of Elba Elementary School last Thursday afternoon, Nov. 7, as veterans and their student escorts participated in an indoor Veterans Day Parade. EES students and faculty lined the hallways to cheer in a highly energetic moment of thanks to the veterans. Prior to the walking parade, the school hosted a reception for the veterans. Above, veteran Ray Kyle walks through the hallway with his student escort while his wife, Faye, records the moment. Other participants can be seen following behind.

Local Ben E. Keith Foods driver among those inducted into IFDA Truck Driver Hall of Fame

Ben E. Keith Foods recently honored drivers who triumphed at the IFDA National Championship held in Orlando, Fla. from October 25-27.

Ben E. Keith Foods had four of its drivers inducted into the prestigious IFDA Truck Driver Hall of Fame—the highest number in company history. These individuals exemplify the highest standards of safety, service, and professionalism in the foodservice distribution industry.

The 2024 IFDA Truck Driver Hall of Fame inductees from Ben E. Keith Foods include:

- Kenneth Nolin of Elba—Southeast Division
- Randolph Augustine—Oklahoma Division
- Paul Blower—DFW

Division
• Ricky Noetzel—Mid-South Division

"These drivers have maintained an impeccable safety record, with 25 years of accident-free driving while employed by Ben E. Keith Foods, an IFDA member company, and no moving violations within the past five years," said Mike Sweet, president of Ben E. Keith Foods. "We are incredibly proud of Kenneth, Randolph, Paul, and Ricky for their extraordinary achievements and their unwavering commitment to our company's culture of care. Their dedication represents the absolute best of Ben E. Keith Foods."

In addition, Ben E. Keith

Foods also recognized the accomplishments of its competitors at the IFDA National Championship, an annual event showcasing excellence in truck driving and warehouse operations. Out of 269 participants (190 truck drivers and 79 warehouse personnel), Ben E. Keith drivers Pablo Escobar and Jason Swordling achieved top honors:

- Pablo Escobar (San Antonio)—Mid-Rider Perfect Pre-Trip Inspection (one of only five competitors to achieve this)
- Jason Swordling (DFW)—1st Place, 28-Foot Triple Axle category

Ben E. Keith Foods has been a member of IFDA since 2004.

Elba Career Academy joins forces to fight hunger during Christmas Parade

As the Elba Christmas Parade lights up main street Elba this season, the Elba Career Academy and its FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA and AKILLS USA members are stepping up to make the holiday a little brighter for those in need.

During the Elba Christmas Parade [Monday evening, Dec. 2], academy students will be collecting canned food donations along the parade route to benefit the local food bank. Under the theme "Can-Do Christmas," the academy's festive float will be decked out in holiday cheer with a creative design inspired by the spirit of giving.

The "Can-Do Christmas Express" float, adorned with oversized cans of food and glittering Christmas lights, will be a joyful sight and an important reminder of the difference a single can can make in the lives of local families.

"We wanted to spread holiday cheer in a meaningful way, and this food drive allows the community to come together in a fun and impactful effort," said Christina Morgan, ECA director. "We encourage everyone to bring at least one canned food item to the parade, but the more, the merrier!"

Elba Career Academy students will walk alongside the float, cheerfully collecting donations directly from parade-goers and giving out candy canes in thanks. All donated items will go to the local food bank, which is especially in need of canned vegetables, fruits, soups, and nonperishables during the winter months.

Don't miss this chance to support the "Can-Do Christmas" effort! Join Elba Career Academy in spreading holiday joy by bringing canned goods to the Elba Christmas Parade. Every can donated makes a difference—let's show the true spirit of community and compassion this holiday season.

EDITORIAL & LOCAL NEWS

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, through Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Nov. 5 – Vehicle accident reported at 990 Hwy 203 (10:15 a.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, one written warning, and one citation.

Wednesday, Nov. 6 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 475 Hwy 203 (4:45 a.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (8:22 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 828 Scott Dr (9:39 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 429 Plant Ave (10:18 a.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 2741 Hickman Ave (10:44 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 823 Scott Dr (11:47 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 381 Tiger Dr – w/verbal warning (11:57 a.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Thursday, Nov. 7 – Animal complaint reported at 2795 Taylor Mill Rd – w/impound (6:54 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported in area of Simmons and Buford streets (8:26 a.m.); Vehicle fire reported at Hwy 84 E and Davis St (12:01 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 715 Putnam St (1:27 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at Hwy 87 and Hwy 203 (1:55 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Thomas St (3:37 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 1303 Reese Ave (4:37 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 733 Lee St (9:18 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1019 Claxton Ave N (9:45 p.m.).

One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Friday, Nov. 8 – Domestic complaint reported at 1676 County Rd 409 (1:34 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1660 County Rd 239 (3:03 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1676 County Rd 409 (4:27 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 14268 Hwy 87 (4:46 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 595 Collier Circle – w/warning issued (11:51 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, two citations, and one written warning.

Saturday, Nov. 9 – Reckless driver reported in area of Hwy 203 and Martin Luther King Dr (12:13 a.m.); Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported at 1676 County Rd 409 (9:21 a.m.); Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported at 400 N Edwards St, Enterprise (2:48 p.m.); Report of shots fired in area of 740 Adams Ave (7:35 p.m.); Reckless driver reported in area of Hwy 87 and County Rd 349 (7:57 p.m.); Vehicle accident reported at Neil Grantham Dr and Hwy 203 (8:05 p.m.); Report of shots fired in area of Reynolds Ave and Martin Luther King Dr (8:30 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (9:26 p.m.). No traffic stops recorded on this date.

Sunday, Nov. 10 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 733 Lee St (12:17 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at Hwy 189 and County Rd 354 (12:50 p.m.); Harassment reported at 595 Collier St, Apt 2 (3:24 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 979 Johnson St (6:17 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in three citations, and one

written warning.

Monday, Nov. 11 – Theft of property reported to Elba Police at the police department (10:54 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police at the police department (1:22 p.m.);

Suspicious circumstances reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (5:19 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 371 Tiger Dr (6:28 p.m.). No traffic stops were recorded on this date.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

We wrote an article last week about the new track and field team being established at Elba High School, and we were incorrect on one tidbit in that article. We thought this would be Elba's first-ever track and field team, but a friend was quick to point out to us that the school had fielded such a team back in the 1950's! We apologize to anyone from that era that participated in track and field for Elba High School...we simply had not ever heard any of the stories surrounding the program. So...long story short... Elba High School is re-establishing a track and field team after many, many years of it being out of commission. We thank our pal for keeping us straight and sharing a bit of Elba history with us that we had not ever heard before in our 40+ years.

We also heard from some folks at Elba High School last week that were not pleased with some things written in the "pressbox" column of the sports section. The consensus of those who called from the school was that information conveyed in the column was incorrect in assuming the school had not fielded junior high girls volleyball nor junior high girls basketball teams this year due to inexperienced players and the school not wanting to take a beating on the courts. The school officials each insisted when they approached us that the only reason the teams did not happen this season was due to lack of enough players. They said many efforts were made to get enough girls to agree to play to have the teams, but it just did not happen. If the school officials did all they could do to get enough girls to play but were unsuccessful in doing that because of lack of interest...well...we agree there was not much more that could be done by the school. Personally, we did not even know this had been an issue until last week [and still don't know much more than what we have read and been told], but we do hope this helps clarify any misunderstanding on the matter without any further disagreement. We want to work together, not apart on such matters.

The Elba Parks and Recreation had a very successful football and cheer season! All three Elba youth football teams – the Mini Mites, Termites and PeeWee teams – reached last weekend's Superbowl event for the Pea River Youth Football League. Only the Mini Mites team brought home the championship for their division, but just in making it to the Superbowl, that meant Elba fielded one championship team and two runner-up teams this youth football season. Now...that is something to be proud of for all of Elba! One thing is for certain the future of football remains bright in Elba. We also want to thank all the youth football and cheer coaches for all they did this season. The youth programs are only successful because folks like you continue to volunteer your time to working with our kiddos. You are to be commended for that!!

We attended a Veterans Day event at Elba Elementary School last Thursday, and it was something special. The school held an indoor walking parade where Veterans walked alongside their students escorts (family and friends) up and down the halls of EES while the remaining students and teachers all lined the hallways. The students were waving American flags and began shouting, "USA! USA! USA!" over and over as the vets walked through the school. For those in attendance it created chill bumps and smiles. Our dad was one of the veterans participating in the parade, and we realized we had tears forming in our eyes as we watched him enjoy the event and listening to the young students show their appreciation for all the veterans. Well done, Elba Elementary School!!



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Alberton Baptist Church invites all to Community Thanksgiving BBQ

Alberton Baptist Church, located at 3633 Highway 134, Kinston, Ala., will have its annual Community Thanksgiving Barbeque on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 5 p.m.

This event is intended to reach out to the community for a night of food and fellowship. ALL are invited. For more information call 334-308-7510.

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Scripture: Proverbs 8: 13-18

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December Birthdays

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Calvin Carpenter 12/5
Nyesha Johnson 12/6
Gladys Yelverton 12/8
Omega Knight 12/8
Clara Wright 12/10
Stephen Bennett 12/10
Vernette Purvis 12/10
Daejun Perrineau 12/11
Anthony Charles Kelley 12/11

Transformed!

Spiritual reality is hard to grasp when people live in a secular, materialistic, sinning society. Living in the flesh, we tend to ignore the fact that we are dead spiritually. The new life avail-

able in Jesus needs to be seen to be believed.

Uncle Dave was the town drunk. He lived for the flesh and proudly boasted that he could "drink any man under the table." He neglected his family, used his income on himself, bragged of the "wild women" who were part of his dissolute life, and seemed proud of his dissipation. Underneath it all, however, he was miserable. An evangelist came to town preaching repentance, new life in Jesus, and freedom from the tyranny of the sins of the flesh. Uncle Dave began to attend the meetings. He listened and hoped. He despaired and prayed. In tearful repentance he accepted Jesus as Lord and was baptized. New life did begin that night for Uncle Dave. His sinful ways were gone! He was now alive in the spirit, where before he had only lived in the flesh. Uncle Dave was a new man.

Years later, he died a sober, loving, kind husband and father, whose change from death to life eventually made him an elder in the church where he had found Jesus as his Savior and Lord. Don't give up. Transformation is possible. Come to the Lord. He specializes in giving new life to those once dead in trespasses and sins. –W.P.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 11/14/24

Q: Hosea described the time when God called His "son" Israel out of _____.

A: Egypt [Hosea 11:1]

Q: Hosea predicted that the _____ would rule God's people because they refused to return to Him.

A: Assyrian [Hosea 11:5]

Q: Micah also told of what _____ king of Moab had wanted to do to Israel and how _____ had answered.

A: Balak / Balaam [Micah 6:5]

Questions for the Week of 11/21/24

Q: Isaiah promised that the virgin's son would be called (Beth, Immanuel, Arbel)

Q: Isaiah told a story of a (vineyard, tree, garden) planted on a fruitful hill.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

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Obituaries

JIMMY W. HOLLEY

Stars fell on Alabama Monday evening, Nov. 4, 2024, when Senator Jimmy W. Holley died at the age of 80.



A life-long resident of Coffee County, Senator Holley served his home state and his local communities as a legislator for a remarkable 44 years.

Jimmy was born on July 30, 1944, to John Edmon Holley Jr., and Verbie Davis Holley. He spent his early years at Damascus School in rural Coffee County and graduated from Elba High School in 1962. He attended Troy State College and later transferred to East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee, where he earned his baccalaureate degree in political science in 1967 and his master of school administration in 1973. While in college, Jimmy met the love of his life, Mary Harmon. The two were married at Greenville Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Greenville, Tenn., on December 27, 1967. Their marriage spanned nearly 57 years.

Beginning his long and varied career path as a school teacher and coach, Jimmy later became a high-school principal, an owner of Elba Ford Tractor Company, and a bank manager. During this time, he also served his country as a member of the Alabama National Guard. He served Troy University as an administrator from 1984 until 2007, retiring as Director of the Regional Inservice Center and Assistant to the Vice Chancellor, as well as prior service as Director of the Center for Developmental Education.

Jimmy entered the political arena by running for the Alabama House of Representatives in 1970 at the age of 24. All funds for that campaign came from cutting timber on his farm. Although he lost that first race, he was not deterred from running again four years later and he was elected to the Alabama House. Subsequently, he was elected to four more terms as a State Representative. In 1994, Jimmy and Mary decided that he would retire from politics; however, with Mary's blessing, in 1998 he ran for the Alabama Senate and won as a Democrat. In 2003, Senator Holley decided to change political parties and was elected to serve six consecutive terms as a Republican State Senator. At the conclusion of the 2019-2022 quadrennium of the Legislature of Alabama,

Senator Jimmy W. Holley ended 44 years as a State Legislator, one of the longest state-legislative tenures in the nation. Senator Holley spent more than half his life serving the citizens of Alabama and his District as their legislator. During his years in the House of Representatives and the Senate, Jimmy W. Holley sponsored and passed 25 local bills, 22 House bills, 95 Senate bills, and co-sponsored countless others.

Jimmy said that next to playing with his grandsons, his most pleasurable moment of the day was his late afternoon visit to the pasture, sitting on the tailgate of his truck and watching the cattle graze. He said, "Each time I'm able to do that, there is a satisfaction for me because I recall the legislation I introduced and passed in 1986 that set up the Alabama Agricultural and Conservation Development Commission to benefit farmers, as well as to protect the environment."

In addition to the Alabama Agricultural and Conservation Development Commission, Senator Holley considered his legislative work that created the Choctawhatchee, Pea, and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority one of his most notable achievements, as it has helped farmers and all other citizens of the Wiregrass area. From this legislation, the agency has partnered with the Corps of Engineers to rebuild the levees in Elba and Geneva. It has implemented flood-warning monitoring stations throughout Southeast Alabama and has participated with the Alabama Geological Survey to develop the most intensive knowledge basis of groundwater resources in the history of the State of Alabama. Known for his tireless advocacy for his district, Senator Holley accomplished measures that are securing infrastructure improvements in support of Fort Novosel (Rucker), quality of life improvements for the communities he served, expanded education funding and high-speed internet access. He was also deeply involved in the support of workforce development and is credited with helping to establish the Alabama Aviation College in Ozark.

Rather than focus on legislation that garnered public attention, Senator Holley spent most of his legislative career laboring on the parliamentary procedures of the chambers and ensuring that the State House and its myriads of professional staff functioned properly, as well as quietly working on legislation that directly benefited his constituents.

His legislative portfolio includes securing appropriations to help rebuild the City of Elba's schools after a flood in 1990, rebuilding Enterprise High School after the tragic tornado of 2007, and authoring the legislation that established the largest legislative support staff agency in the state. Many individuals around the statehouse can recount stories of Senator Holley's reading every single piece of legislation on every calendar for every session day and committee meeting he attended.

Jimmy did not hold personal memberships in civic organizations, as he spent most of his time working for the people of his district and attending functions of his constituency. In June of 2022 parts of US Highway 84 in Coffee County were renamed Senator Jimmy W. Holley Highway in his honor. The Coffee County administration building was named after Senator Holley upon his retirement. He was also given Main Street of Alabama's Hero Award which recognizes individuals, businesses, and organizations for outstanding contributions to their local Main Street program. The Alabama Association of Conservation Districts (AACD) named Senator Holley as Alabama Senate Leader of the Year in 2016.

Jill Killough Stallworth, a former assistant to Senator Holley, assessed him as "a dynamic leader: smart, strong, and the voice of reason in Alabama politics for 44 years." Her personal story of her work with him serves as a fitting tribute to this public servant. Ms. Stallworth writes: "In December of 2010, I was hired at the Alabama Senate to work for Senator Jimmy Holley. I didn't know much about him, so I did a Google search on him, his voting history, and the legislation he sponsored. I asked questions around the halls of the Senate to find out more about my new boss. People told me Holley was a clever, non-nonsense senator who was stern and had no tolerance for incompetence. I immediately started doing my homework to learn all I could about the Alabama legislature to try to make a good impression on Holley. The legislative session started just one month after I was hired, and I had no idea what I had gotten myself into. However, I tried to look ahead of each situation to be prepared for anything that might arise. Senator Holley called me into his office to go over what to expect for my first day of session. He said, 'You probably don't know this

since you are new, but I need printed copies of all the bills that are assigned to my Governmental Affairs Committee, so I can review them.' I said, 'Yes sir, here they are.' Holley smirked quizzically and said, 'Thank you, Radar.' I replied, 'You're welcome, Senator.' A little stunned, Senator Holley said, 'You probably don't understand why I called you that.' I said, 'Oh yes sir, it's a reference to the TV sitcom M*A*S*H.' He asked me how I knew about the show, and I told him I watched reruns with my military veteran dad. From then on, Senator Holley called me 'Radar' when he asked for something that I already had in hand and ready to give to him. We had a wonderful working relationship, and the office ran like a well-oiled machine. About a year later I got up the nerve to ask the senator, 'If I'm Radar, which character are you?' He firmly answered 'Hawkeye' and I agreed that it fit him perfectly! Senator Holley was an incredible leader, as well as a father figure to me. His wisdom left an indelible mark on our state and all those around him. It was an absolute honor to work alongside such a remarkable man. The lessons learned and the memories shared with Senator Holley will forever be a treasured part of my life. Rest in peace Hawkeye; your work here is done."

Senator Holley was preceded in death by his parents, John Edmon and Verbie Holley, as well as his brother, Johnny Holley. He is survived by his wife, Mary Harmon Holley of Elba; their son, John Holley and daughter-in-law Nicole of Elba; their son, Jason Holley, daughter-in-law Julie, and grandsons Dylan and Cooper of Elba; his sister, JoAnn Holley Driggers of Elba; his sister, Janice Holley Strickland of Elba; and his brother, Joey Holley and sister-in-law Beth of Troy.

Funeral services for Senator Holley were held Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, at Ino Baptist Church with Minister Greg Hanchey and Donnie Holley officiating. Burial followed in the Ino Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Mary and the family request that donations in Senator Jimmy W. Holley's memory be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, donations@michaeljfox.org, or P.O. Box 5014 Hagerstown, Maryland 21741, or to another charity of the donor's choice.

JONAS DAWAYNE "SCOTTY" MESSICK

Mr. Jonas Dawayne "Scotty" Messick, age 61, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, at his residence in Elba.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Travis Meeks and Rev. Scott Donaldson officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

He was preceded in death by his parents - Wayne & Sue Messick, and brother - Ricky Messick. Survivors include his son: Ryder Hocutt, Troy, Ala.; and brother: Rex Messick, Elba.

RONALD "RONNIE" NORTON

Mr. Ronald "Ronnie" Norton, age 81, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, at Southeast Health in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Donnie Earles officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

He was preceded in death by his parents - Frazier and

Mary Jewel Renfroe Norton; and wife - Irene Hodge Norton.

Survivors include his daughter: Amy (Russ) Minor, Troy, Ala.; grandson: Chase (Hillary) Peoples, Brundidge, Ala.; great-granddaughter: Caroline Peoples, Brundidge; sisters: Sydney (Eric) Wilson, Jack, Ala.; Debra Berry, Brundidge; brother: John (Debbie) Norton, Brundidge; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.



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National Home Caregivers Month

November is National Family Caregivers Month, a time to honor and celebrate all those who care for their loved ones. We would especially like to take time this month to recognize and honor those who care for their parents. Shopping, cleaning, bathing, arranging doctor visits, transportation and providing ongoing comfort for aging family members is both rewarding and difficult. Thank you so much for your countless hours of providing care.

While caregiving can be a very rewarding job, it can also be stressful and isolating due to the demands on your time.

Here are some coping tips for caregivers:

1) Seek support from other caregivers. Talking to others who are going through the same thing you are is beneficial.

2) Take care of yourself. While it can be difficult to find time to take care of yourself, it's hard to take care of others if you are not happy and healthy yourself.

3) Learn how to effectively communicate with doctors. Take notes and keep them somewhere they are easy to find for visits and phone calls. Make sure to ask questions if you are unsure about what the doctor is saying.

4) Take breaks when you can. It can be hard to take a break if it leaves your parent without someone to care for them. However, there are options available for care. Respite care provides short-term care at a care facility or even in the home. Adult daycare is another possible option.

5) Make sure legal and medical information is up to date and organized. Keep information in an easy to find spot and check regularly to see if anything needs to be updated.

6) Don't be afraid to ask for help. If you start to feel overwhelmed, help is available. Reach out to family and friends or seek help from a professional.

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STATE OF ALABAMA, GENEVA COUNTY NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED VACATION OF PUBLIC STREET/HIGHWAY

Pursuant to the provisions of §§ 23-4-2, 23-4-5, 23-4-20 and 35-2-54, Code of Alabama, 1975, as last amended, notice is hereby given that:

1. On the 8th day of October, 2024, Garrett Skinner, Jarvis Skinner, and spouse, Susie Skinner, (collectively the "Owners") filed a written Petition of Approval of and Assent to Vacation, Street/Highway (the "Petition") requesting that the Geneva County Commission approve of and assent to the vacation of, and vacate, Jeanette Road, which is situated and lying and being within Geneva County, Alabama but outside the corporate limits of any municipality. Jeanette Road is more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the West Right of Way of Farm to Market Road and continuing in an Easterly direction from the intersection of said Right of Way line with the Section line between Section 22 and Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 23 East and ending at the West Right of Way of Millville Road located in the following Geneva County, Alabama Parcel Numbers: 34-17-08-27-0-000-001.000, 34-17-05-22-0-000-005.000, 34-17-05-22-0-000-006.000, and 34-17-06-23-0-000-004.000.

This is legal notice that the Geneva County Commission will hold a public hearing to address and consider the proposed vacation of said Public Street/Highway at its regular meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Geneva County Commission Court Room, Geneva County Courthouse, 200 North Commerce Street, Geneva, Alabama 36340.

Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may submit a written objection to the Geneva County Commission by hand delivering it to the Geneva County Commission Office, Geneva County Courthouse, 200 North Commerce Street, Geneva, Alabama 36340 or by mailing it to Geneva County Commission, P.O. Box 430, Geneva, AL 36340, or may request an opportunity to be heard at said public hearing set forth above.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2024.
/s/ Toby Seay
Toby Seay
Geneva County Commission Chair
10/24/31,11/7&14-chg.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

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STATE OF ALABAMA, GENEVA COUNTY. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made under the terms and conditions of that certain mortgage dated the 28th day of November, 2022, executed by Luis Alberto Alvarez Flores to William Nathan Mathis, a married man, which said mortgage is recorded in OR Book 1176, Page 398, recorded November 28th, 2022, and said default continuing, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be due and payable as provided in said mortgage, and notice is hereby given, that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama, during the legal sale hours on the 12th day of December, 2024, the following described real estate, situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit:

One lot or parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama as surveyed by The Boundary Hunter, LLC as per plat dated October 19, 2022 and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576 marking the Northwest corner of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence N85°37'29"E for a distance of 678.08 feet to an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576; thence S00°36'50"E for a distance of 543.30 feet to an iron pin set (1/2" rebar, cap #CA 1143) on the Northwest Right of Way (R/W) line of Bethesda Church Road (not paved); thence along said R/W line, along a curve to the riving having a radius of 4975.00 feet and an arc length of 193.43 feet with a chord bearing and distance of S61°19'39"W, 193.42 feet to an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576; thence continue along said R/W line S62°26'29"W for a distance of 579.31 feet to an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576; thence leaving said R/W line, N00°13'29"E for a distance of 852.52 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said land is located in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and contains 10.91 acres, more or less.

Said property will be sold "AS IS." Said property will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. No representation or warranty, expressed or implied, is made as to the title of said property. Said property is subject to any title deficiencies including but not limited to: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of recorded superior to the Mortgage first set above.

The debt secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due because of among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Mortgage. The debt remaining in default, this sale

will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and by Alabama law. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Alabama law gives some persons who have interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied, first to the expenses of advertising and conducting said sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee, for legal services as provided in such mortgage; second, to the payment of any debt other than the note above described which may then be due or owing to the Mortgagee, with interest to the date of sale; third, to the payment of the above described note with the interest thereon to the date of sale; forth, the surplus, if any, shall be paid to the Mortgagor.

/s/ Alfred J. Danner
Alfred J. Danner, Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
11/14,21&28-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

CASE NO. PR-2024-148

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BRETT WILLIAM HANSEN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Diana Hansen, Personal Representative on the 7th day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law for the same will be barred.
/s/ Thomas S. Smith
Thomas S. Smith
11/14,21&28-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the Matter of the Estate of BETTY JEAN HUDSON, deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-187

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration for the Estate of Betty Jean Hudson having been granted to Lee Barnes, Personal Representative, on the 29th day of October, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this 29th day of October, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
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More Legal Notices are on Page 5!

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(Additional Legal Notices on Page 4)

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA JU 2024-147.01

IN RE THE MATTER OF:
EVIE ALLENE SMITH,
DOB: 07/19/2004
A Minor Child who is 18 years of age.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Pursuant to Alabama Code Section 26-13-3 this serves as notice of the filing of a Petition for the Relief of the Disabilities of Non-Age by the above-reference minor child. Notice of filing is required in a newspaper in the county of residence of the minor child and such notice shall be given once a week for three successive weeks before the time of hearing such petition. A hearing is set in this matter on November 26, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. Any person may contest the granting of same upon giving security for costs of such contest. All evidence touching such petition shall be taken in such manner as may be directed by the court.

/s/ Ashley A Powell
Circuit Clerk

Evie Smith
Brooke Smith
Co-Petitioners
983 J Harris Road
Slocomb, Alabama 36375
10/31,11/7&14-chg.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated June 25, 2022, executed by Alicia L. Ward and husband Joseph K. Ward, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Mutual of Omaha Mortgage, Inc., which mortgage was recorded on July 5, 2022, in OFFREC Book 1161, Page 241, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, and which mortgage was duly transferred and assigned to Mutual of Omaha Mortgage, Inc., notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Main entrance to the Geneva County Courthouse at Geneva, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 10, 2024, the following described real estate, situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF GENEVA, STATE OF ALABAMA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4, OF THE SW 1/4, OF SECTION 24, T2N, R20E, GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A CAPPED ROD SET, 27401 MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH R/W OF GENEVA COUNTY ROAD #40 (80 FOOT R/W) AND THE WEST R/W OF GENEVA COUNTY ROAD #19 (80 FOOT R/W); THENCE S 08 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 30 SECONDS E ALONG THE WEST R/W OF GENEVA COUNTY ROAD #19 A DISTANCE OF 162.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING (CRS, 27401); THENCE S 09 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 55 SECONDS E ALONG SAID WEST R/W A DISTANCE OF 267.39 FEET (CRS, 27401); THENCE S 79 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 36 SECONDS W A DISTANCE OF 208.00 FEET (CRS, 27401); THENCE N 01

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This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as expenses of foreclosure. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The successful bidder must tender full funds at the conclusion of the sale in the form of a certified check made payable or endorsed to Padgett Law Group. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded. Padgett Law Group reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidders should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. Mutual of Omaha Mortgage, Inc. Transferee Robert J. Wermuth/jmm Padgett Law Group 4245 Balmoral Drive SW, Suite 101 Huntsville, AL 35801 Attorney for Mortgagee 10/31,11/7&14-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIAM DONALD WRIGHT, DECEASED

CASE NO. PR-2024-184

NOTICE OF PROBATE

Letters of Administration of the said deceased having been granted to Vanessa L. Nelson, on the 28th day of October, 2024, by the Honorable JODEE R. THOMPSON, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Vanessa L. Nelson
VANESSA L. NELSON, Administrator

PRIM & MENDHEIM, LLC
/s/ R. Cliff Mendheim
R. CLIFF MENDHEIM, Attorney for Administrator
10/31,11/7&14-pd

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY
24-810

ESTATE OF MILTON EDWARD HARRIS, JR. DECEASED

NOTICE OF

PUBLICATION

Letters testamentary were granted to EDDIE CARGILL on the 23 day of October, 2024. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

EDDIE CARGILL
Personal Representative
David F. Holmes, Attorney
P.O. Box 1180
Slocomb, AL 36375
334-886-3123
10/31,11/7&14-pd.

THE CHANCERY COURT FOR RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT MURFREESBORO

CHRISTIAN EULOGIO MALDONADO, Petitioner,
Vs.
JEANINE MARIE MALDONADO, Respondent,

No. 24CV-1713
Judge: Terry Fann
Notice of Entry Requested

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

This matter came to before the Honorable Terry Fann, Judge of the Chancery Court of Rutherford County, Tennessee, and it appearing from the bill in this cause, which is sworn to that residence and current address of the above listed Respondent, JEANINE MARIE MALDONADO, is unknown and cannot be served with process and based on argument of counsel and proof presented, the Court finds as follows:

1. That counsel for Petitioner has made diligent efforts to ascertain the location of JEANINE MARIE MALDONADO.

2. That Petitioners have no knowledge of JEANINE MARIE MALDONADO'S whereabouts and only have a last known address.

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that publication be made for four consecutive weeks in The Elba Clipper, a newspaper published in Coffee County, Alabama, requiring defendant, JEANINE MARIE MALDONADO to appear before the Clerk of said Court on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication hereof and make defense to the bill filed in the above cause or otherwise said bill be taken for confessed and cause proceeded with Ex Parte.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS SO ORDERED.

This Order was entered electronically and the Judge's signature is located on the last page electronically.

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:
/s/ R. Timothy Hogan
R. TIMOTHY HOGAN
Attorney for Petitioner/
Husband
218 West Main Street
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130
(615) 686-8491
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing has been deposited into the U.S. Mail, on this 25TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, upon the following:
Mrs. Jeanine Marie Maldonado
Last Known Address
208 Brock Street
New Brockton, Alabama 36531

/s/ R. Timothy Hogan
R. TIMOTHY HOGAN
10/31,11/7,14&21-pd.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF GENEVA
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by BRUCE POWELL, an

unmarried individual, on August 22, 2023, to First National Bank of Hartford, which mortgage is recorded in OR Book 1204 Page 94, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, the undersigned, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the said mortgage will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the main entrance of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama, on November 21, 2024 during the legal hours of sale the following real estate situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to wit: Lot #4, Block E of the Tindell Subdivision in the Town of Hartford, Geneva County, Alabama as per the map and plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 91, records of the Probate Office of Geneva County, Alabama, together with all improvements thereupon, subject however, to those certain covenants recorded in Deed Book 22, Page 686, Records of the Probate Office, Geneva County, Alabama.

Said lot beginning at the Northeast corner of lot runs parallel to Lot 3 of Block E in Westerly direction for 138'; thence in a Southerly direction for 66'; thence in a Southeasterly direction for 163'; thence Northward along street for 167' to POINT OF BEGINNING. Property Address: 117 Kennedy Drive, Hartford, AL 36344

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging. Said property will be sold on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis subject to the right of way easements and restrictions of record in the Probate Office of Geneva County, Alabama, and will be subject to existing special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

MELLISA HORACE, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
TRAYVON THOMAS STUBBS
DEFENDANT.
CASE NO: DR-2024-900159

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

TRAYVON THOMAS STUBBS, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer MELLISA HORACE'S Complaint for Divorce and other relief by the 27th day of November, 2024, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No: DR-2024-900159 in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Done this the 24 day of October 2024
/s/ Amy L Reeves
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
/s/ Thadius W Morgan, Jr.
Thadius W. Morgan, Jr. (MOR072)
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 310396

Enterprise, AL 36331
(334) 347-8130
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF BRITT HARGROVE, DECEASED.
V.
DEFENDANT.
CASE NO.: CV-2022-000075.00

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
TO: All the heirs at law and next of kin of Britt Hargrove, deceased

You will hereby take notice that the 16th day of October, 2024, came Rhonda Faulk, Personal Representative of the Estate of Britt Hargrove, filed her Petition for Final Settlement of her administration of the Estate of Britt Hargrove, deceased. You are hereby notified that the 3rd day of December, 2024, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. has been appointed to hear said settlement.

Done and dated on this 31 day of October, 2024.

/s/ Henry S. Reagan
Circuit Judge
11/7,14&21-pd.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
CASE PR-2024-109
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
In the Matter of the ESTATE OF DONIVAL ROBINSON, Deceased

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Kyla D. Robinson, Personal Representative, on the 30th day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within six months or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
11/7,14&21-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Melba J. Hollinghead, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-132

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TO: Thomas Judah

Notice is hereby given that on this the 24th day of July, 2024, came William James Hollinghead, Petitioner, and filing a Petition for Letters of Administration of the Estate of Melba J. Hollinghead, deceased. It is ORDERED that the 9th day of December, 2024, be and the same hereby is, appointed as the day for the hearing of the said Petition at 9:00 o'clock A.M., at which time you may appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

WITNESS my hand this the 16th day of October, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
11/7,14&21-pd.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was time for another 'Bluey Marathon' last week as our grandson Cannon spent a night with us and was telling Granddaddy to change channels as soon as he walked in the door. I am not a real fan of the Australian cartoon, but if Cannon likes it that is what we will watch. Okay, Dad, Mum, Bingo and Bluey, time to entertain, again

For what it is worth....

**** If it had been a fight it would have been stopped in the first round! Elba's dominating 77-14 win over Verbena last week was unlike anything I had seen at any level as the Tigers rolled to a 69-0 first half lead and then just got it over with in a shortened second half that let all the folks dressed in light blue in the visitor's bleachers head back home a little earlier than expected. The Tigers scored on all ten first half possessions and their only offensive play of the second half to set a new Elba playoff record for points scored, and the only thing that kept it from getting even worse was the fact Verbena's starters did finally move the ball against the Elba reserves and kept the ball for twenty-one plays in the final two quarters compared to only one for the Tigers, and maintained possession for fifteen of the game's final sixteen minutes.*

In the sixty-nine points first half, the Tigers needed only twenty-six plays to score a total of ten touchdowns and at one point had thirty-five points, while Verbena had only twenty-seven yards in total offense. Elba had its biggest night passing of the season with 116 yards in the air, but the stat that was amazing to me was that the Tigers rushed for 431 yards on just nineteen carries, an average of over twenty-two yards per carry, and that seven different players scored touchdowns in the game. The offense did practically whatever it wanted to do and simply overwhelmed the visitors from start to finish.

The Elba defense was expected to have problems with the massive Verbena front line, but took charge from the opening play and could have easily pitched a shutout if not for the grace of the coaches. The defense came up with three turnovers, made two stops on fourth down and limited the Devils to only sixty yards passing. It was good to see the defense rise to the challenge and for the team to come together and advance in the playoffs.

**** Zion Chapel stunned everyone in the stadium down in Grove Hill last week when it scored a touchdown on the game's second play, but was simply overmatched the rest of the game and saw its season end with an opening round playoff loss to Clarke County. The Rebels posted seven wins this season to write a new chapter in their history book and over the past couple of seasons have very quietly turned into a solid 2A program. I can remember years ago when Coach John Frank Hudson went back to Zion Chapel after a long stay at Elba as an assistant and told me when he began to piece together a schedule he could have played a home game every night of the week because of its recent struggles in football. Now, no one looks forward to playing at Zion Chapel, any night of the week!*

**** The opening round of the state football playoffs are almost always filled with blowouts due to the fact the top teams in regions play the bottom teams from other regions, and that was the case again last week as three teams scored in the 70's, twelve teams scored in the 60's, fourteen teams scored in the 50's and thirty-two teams scored in the 40's. Elba set the bar with 77 points in its win over Verbena, but Central of Florence and Central of Phenix City both scored seventy points in opening round wins on a night that gave more than one scoreboard operator a mild case of carpal tunnel. While the losing teams didn't fair so good with sixteen teams being shut out, a total of ten teams that lost in the opening round scored in the 30's and four others scored in the 40's.*

There were a total of 104 playoff games held last week in the seven classifications, and as would be expected there were more than just a few surprises. In 7A, a couple of mild upsets included Baker knocking off Hewitt-Trussville 17-14 and Vestavia Hills rolling over Mary Montgomery

42-21; while in 6A, Russell County rolled over Northridge 42-25 and McAdory slipped past Wetumpka 24-23; in 5A, Leeds battled past Guntersville 35-28 and UMS-Wright surprised Demopolis 21-7; in 4A, Dale County was ousted in a 33-21 loss to Fairfield and W.S. Neal shocked St. James 16-6; in 3A, previously unbeaten Glenwood was knocked eliminated by Alabama Christian 46-2 and Southside Selma slipped past Hillcrest Evergreen 36-35; in 2A, Loachapoka lost at home to Arlton 14-7 and J.U. Blacksher was ousted by Luverne 22-19; and, in 1A, Florala was flattened on the road by Maplesville 35-6 and University Charter was roughed up by Millry 34-6.

**** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* emailed this week's picks to the office, but did make sure we all knew that he hit on 25 of his 27 playoff picks last week and was going into week number two looking for his first perfect week of the season. Here is this week's fearless forecast....

ELBA VS. LINDEN

The last time the Pea River felines found the football field over in Linden they failed to score a single point and saw their season come an abrupt end. That was years ago; however, and this year's felines love to run up and down the field and light up the scoreboard. While they may not score as many as expected, look for the felines to bring home a win.

ELBA 27 LINDEN 24

Tigers travel to Linden in second round playoff battle against powerful Patriots

The Elba Tigers will be on the road Friday night when they travel to Linden to battle the high-powered Linden Patriots, in second round action in the AHSAA Class 2A football playoffs.

This will be only the second meeting ever between the two small school football powers, with Linden winning the first meeting 298-0, in the 2018 playoffs.

"Linden has a very talented football team filled with athletes all over the field and it will be a real challenge to go over to their place and bring home a win," stated Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving. "They can score on any play from anywhere on the field, and over on defense have recorded five shutouts in their last eight games. They are good on both sides of the ball and probably could care less who they are playing on any given night."

The Patriots, which have won eight straight games, lost their first two games of the season to Fultondale 34-26 and Chipley, Florida, 24-18, in overtime, but since have been on a roll and have posted wins over Pickens Academy 40-0, R.C. Hatch 52-0, Choctaw County 42-0, Southern Choctaw 16-14, Francis Marion 50-0, Holy Spirit 36-0, University Charter 33-8, and last week knocked off

Southern Choctaw 63-14.

Elba has a 14-8 all-time record in the second round of the playoffs, while Linden has posted a 15-7 record all-time against playoff opponents.

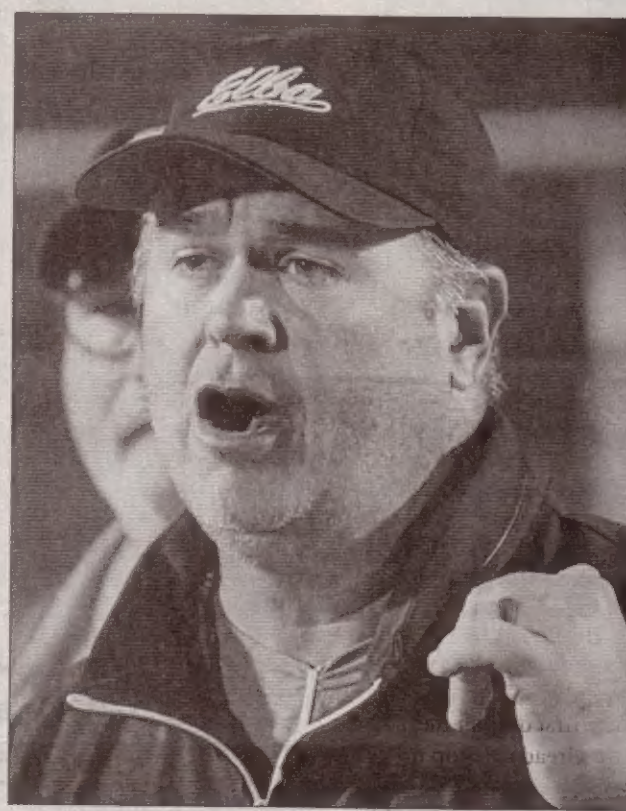
"On offense they have a quarterback that is probably the fastest player we have seen all season," added Sieving. "He like to keep the ball ad get outside, but can also pass and spots his receivers well when they are open. Their backs also have speed and they do a good job of getting them the ball in space with speed sweeps, options and quick passes in the flats. Their offense has just run through people all season and done whatever it wanted. They are very big at the line of scrimmage and do a good job maintaining their blocks to give their runners time to find grass. Over on defense they are pretty basic, but again are very big at the line of scrimmage and have folks with lots of speed. The quarterback also plays safety and gets everyone lined up, and he is aggressive when he comes up to make a tackle. This is a very dangerous team on both sides of the ball and we will have to be ready on every play. No plays off!"

"Another factor will be how well we handle the long trip," said Sieving. "It will be a long ride on a bus

OTHER PICKS:

Enterprise 17 Baker 16
Opelika 28 Hoover 24
Auburn 31 Thompson 21
Central PC 42 Vestavia Hills 21
St. Paul's 21 Pike Road 17
Spain Park 48 Russell County 35
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Andalusia 20 UMS-Wright 17
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ELBA COACH MARC SIEVING

and we will stop and take a break for a pregame meal. However, how well teams travel is a big factor in the playoffs and we are going to have a plan to hopefully make the trip a non-factor and make it just a ride to the next game."

"If we are going to be successful this week we will have to maintain drives, not make penalties that put us behind the chains and not have turnovers," stated Sieving. "We have a pretty good offense ourselves and feel like we can move the

ball and put points on the scoreboard, even though they don't let people score many points. Our defense has improved as the season has progressed and they will obviously have to take another big step forward Friday night against a really good opponent. We will have to tackle well in space, get the quarterback on the ground and not let their receivers get behind us on busted plays. The playoffs are a challenge and this week is certainly a huge challenge for us a long way from home."

ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

JUNIOR HIGH:

(BOYS)

Elba 38 Zion Chapel 30 – The Elba Tigers used a big second quarter to take command and never looked back to claim a 38-30 road win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. The score was tied at 6-6 after one quarter, but Elba's Kaleb Magwood scored 10 points to spark a 17-4 second quarter rally as the Tigers took command held on for the win. Kaleb Magwood scored 11 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jacquez Hill 9, Jeremiah Melton 8, Jayse Williams 8 and Cooper Holley 4. Colton Grantham scored 12 points to lead Zion Chapel, while also scoring for the Rebels were Daniel Lee 7, Auston Sanders 3, Jaxon Flowers 3 and Colt Jacobs 2.

G.W. Long 51 Zion Chapel 17 – The Zion Chapel Rebels dropped a 51-17 decision to G.W. Long. Daniel Lee scored 8 points to lead the Rebels, while Kyrie McCloud scored 14 points and Zyan Marshall added 12 to lead G.W. Long.

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Kinston 41 Elba 28 – The Elba Tigers saw a third quarter rally fall short in a 41-28 road loss to the Kinston Bulldogs. Jayse Williams scored 14 points to lead the Tigers, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jacquez Hill 6, Jeremiah Melton 5 and Kaleb Magwood 3. The Bulldogs were led by J.D. Hart with 25 points and Evan Hilburn with 8, while also scoring were Parker Weeks 4, Cody Wilson 2 and Rylen Hawthorne 2.

Kinston 45 Opp 39 – The Kinston Bulldogs posted an exciting 45-39 win over the Opp Bobcats. J.D. Hart scored 19 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Parker Weeks added 14 and Evan Hilburn scored 8. Anthony Morrow scored 11 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead the Bobcats.

Elba 32 Pike Lib 25 – The Elba Tigers rallied from a slow start to defeat the Pike Lib Patriots 32-25. Elba trailed 9-3 after one quarter of play, but shut out Pike Lib 11-0 in the second quarter to grab a 14-9 halftime lead and rolled to the win. Kaleb Magwood scored 12 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jacquez Hill 9, Jeremiah Melton 8 and Jayse Williams 3. Ryan Copeland led Pike Lib with 8 points.

(GIRLS)

Kinston 47 Opp 14 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs rolled to a lopsided 47-14 win over the Opp Lady Bobcats. Saniyah Stephens scored 5 points and grabbed 4 rebounds to lead Opp, while Jayla Bell added 5 rebounds. No statistics were available from Kinston.

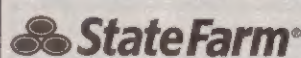
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SPORTS NEWS



Elba quarterback Cayden Adkins (10) follows the block of lineman Caden Kyles (78) in last week's win over Verbena in the first round of the AHSAA Class 1A playoffs. Adkins had 51 yards and scored one touchdown on the ground for the Tigers in the win while he also completed to two passes for 89 yards. The Tigers will travel to Linden this week for round two playoff action.

In first round of Class 1A state football playoffs

Elba Tigers stun Verbena with lopsided 77-14 win

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by, BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers scored on all ten first half possessions to carry an astounding 69-0 lead in at the half and then let everyone dressed in black and gold get in on the fun in a shortened second half in a lopsided 77-14 win over the Verbena Red Devils.

Elba received the opening kickoff and after a 32-yard kickoff return by Reggie Gilbert needed only two plays to reach the endzone, with the first Tiger touchdown of the night coming on a 30-yard run by Alvin Henderson. A low snap foiled the extra-point attempt, but with 11:16 left in the first quarter the Tigers were already on top 6-0.

Elba began its second possession at its own 37-yardline following a Red Devil punt and this time went 63 yards in three plays to get back into the endzone. A 43-yard pass from Cayden Adkins to Jacob Watkins was a key play in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 10-yard run up the middle by Adkins. Henderson ran in the two-point conversion as the Tigers lead grew to 14-0 with 8:08 left in the quarter.

Elba got the ball back at the Verbena 26-yardline after a defensive stand and this time took four plays to add to its lead. Alvin Henderson rushed for 13 yards on two carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 1-yard dive, and Trai Davis added the extra-point to push Elba's lead to 21-0 with 5:37 remaining in the quarter.

Elba put the ball in play near midfield on its next possession and one play later was back in the endzone as Alvin Henderson took a direct snap and raced 52 yards for his third touchdown of the quarter. Davis again added the extra-point, and with 3:00 remaining on the clock the Tigers were in command with a 28-0 lead.

Elba's Tyceson Davis recovered a Red Devil fumble on the ensuing kickoff at the Verbena 42-yardline, and three plays later the Tigers were right back in the endzone. A 27-yard pass from Alvin Henderson to Trai Davis got the scoring drive off to a fast start, while the score came on a 5-yard dash by Jacob Ledbetter. Davis kicked the extra-point as the Tigers lead ballooned to 35-0 with 1:45 still left in the opening quarter.

Elba's Trai Davis recovered a Verbena fumble at the Tigers 10-yardline with 33-seconds left in the quarter, but that was more than enough time for the Tigers as Alvin Henderson took a direct snap around the end and weaved his way



Elba's Trai Davis (21) is off and running after pulling in a pass during last week's playoff win over Verbena.

past Red Devil defenders on a 90-yard touchdown run. Davis booted the extra-point and with 15-seconds still left in the quarter Elba was in complete command with a 42-0 lead.

Elba began its initial possession of the second quarter at the Verbena 42-yardline after a short punt and covered the distance in one play when Cayden Adkins passed quickly to Trai Davis and the senior receiver outran the Devil defense 46 yards for a touchdown. Davis also added the extra-point as the Tigers lead went to 49-0 with 11:22 left in the second quarter.

Elba put the ball in play

at its own 44-yardline after another Verbena punt and went 86 yards in four plays to continue its offensive onslaught. The Tiger touchdown came on a 56-yard scamper by Alvin Henderson, and while the extra-point attempt failed, Elba owned a 55-0 lead with 6:16 left in the half.

Elba's Jacob Watkins picked off a Verbena pass and returned the interception 39 yards to set the Tigers up at the Red Devil 18-yardline late in the half, and Watkins got the call on the next three snaps and responded with three hard runs that culminated in a 1-yard scoring run. Davis added the extra-point as the



HENDERSON CONTINUES TO MAKE HISTORY! Elba's Alvin Henderson (2) rushed for 241 yards and 5 touchdowns on just six carries to lead the offense on a night that he became the first to have over 10,000 career rushing yards in Alabama High School Athletic Association football history. Above, he is shown pulling away from a would-be Verbena tackler in last week's round one playoff game.



Drum Major Jalin Horstead leads the Elba Marching Tiger Band during halftime festivities. Horstead and the band received a standing ovation from the crowd.



The Elba Tigers gave cheerleader McKenzie Foster and the entire squad plenty to smile about last Friday with a big win in the first round of the high school playoffs. The cheerleaders will again be leading the crowd in cheering for the Tigers this week when Elba travels to Linden for Round 2 of the AHSAA playoffs.

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SPORTS NEWS

Forty-six number one seeds advance to AHSAA football playoff second round

A total of 46 No. 1 seeds survived the first round of the 59th AHSAA State Football Playoffs this week 104 schools advanced to round two set for Friday, Nov. 15.

The second round will include eight games in each of the first six classifications and four in Class 7A. The state playoffs will culminate Dec. 4-6 at Birmingham's Protective Stadium with the 2024 Super 7 State Football Championships.

No. 4 seeds won six games – with UMS-Wright (5-6), the No. 4 seed in Class 5A, Region 1, knocking off No. 3 top seed Demopolis (7-4) Friday night 21-7. It was the second straight year that the Bulldogs of Coach Terry Curtis played the role of spoiler coming into the playoffs as a No. 4 seed and beating a No. 1 seed.

In addition to UMS-Wright, other No. 4 seeds posting wins in the first round were: in Class 3A, Alabama Christian (7-4) defeating Glenwood (9-1) 46-42; in Class 4A, Alexandria (8-3) topping North Jackson (8-3) 38-35 and Fairfield ((8-3) defeating Dale County (8-3) 33-21; and in Class 7A, Vestavia Hills (6-5) posting a 42-21 victory over Mary Montgomery (9-2), and Enterprise (7-4) beating Austin (9-2) 32-21.

While No. 1 seeds won at an 88.5% rate, No. 2 seeds (33 winners) posted 63.5% winning rate; No. 3 seeds (18 winners) had a 34.6% winning rate, and No. 4 seeds (6 winners) won an 11.5% winning rate. No. 2 seeds won 33 of a possible 52 games – for a 63.5% winning rate. Home teams won 76% of the games, and visiting teams, just 24%.

Two seniors, running back Alvin Henderson of Elba High School and Preston Lancaster of Tuscaloosa Academy, both topped the 10,000 yards milestone of their prep careers. Henderson, who leads the nation this season with 2,867 rushing yards and 51 rushing touchdowns on 211 carries, had six rush attempts for 242 yards and five TDs in the Tigers' 77-14 Class 1A playoff victory over Verbena. His career total pushed him over 10,000 career rushing yards. He now has 10,177 career rushing yards and 183 rushing TDs for his career – and is averaging 13.6 yards per carry with 748 attempts. He averaged 30.3 yards per carry in Friday's win.

Lancaster was 14-of-19 passing to lead the Knights (9-2) to a 42-6 win over North Sand Mountain in the Class 2A playoffs. He is 185-of-259 for 2,866 yards and 33 TDs – with just three picks. His career total now stands at 669 completions over 962 attempts for 10,233 yards and 115 passing TDs. He became just the fifth player all-time in the AHSAA to pass for more than 10,000 yards in a career. The four ahead of him include Jack Hayes, Piedmont (11,024 yards); JaMarcus Russell, Williamson (10,774); Bo Nix, Pinson Valley (10,386); and Chris Smelley, American Christian (10,385).

Six of the seven defending state champions are among the schools still vying to reach the state finals. The 2023 champs include Leroy (1A); Fyffe (2A); Mobile Christian (3A); Montgomery Catholic (4A); Clay-Chalkville (6A); and Central-Phenix City (7A). However, Fyffe has moved up to Class 3A, Mobile Christian to 4A, and Montgomery Catholic to 5A. 2024 Class 5A state champion Gulf Shores moved to 6A this classification period and did not make the playoffs.

SECOND-ROUND PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

(All games, Friday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m. kickoff, unless otherwise noted)

CLASS 1A

McKenzie (10-1) at Millry (7-4)
Sweet Water (9-2) at Maplesville (9-2)
Leroy (10-1) at Georgiana (7-4)
Elba (9-2) at Linden (8-2)
Meek (8-3) at Wadley (9-0)
Berry (10-1) at Spring Garden (11-0)
Appalachian (9-2) at Lynn (10-1)
Winterboro (8-2) at Hackleburg (10-1)

CLASS 2A

Goshen (8-2) at Cottonwood (11-0)
Reeltown (10-1) at Luverne (6-5)
Clarke County (8-3) at Arton (6-5)
Providence Christian (9-2) at Highland Home (11-0)
Southeastern (9-2) at Sulligent (7-4)
Vincent (9-2) at Winston County (11-0), **Double Springs**
Tuscaloosa Academy (9-2) at Susan Moore (6-5)

CLASS 3A

Falkville (7-4) at Pisgah (10-1)
Southside-Selma (9-2) at Montgomery Academy (10-1)
Bayside Academy (8-3) at Alabama Christian (7-4), **at Faulkner University, Montgomery**

T.R. Miller (11-0) at Trinity Presbyterian (8-3), **Montgomery**
Houston Academy (10-1) at Thomasville (11-0)

Lauderdale County (8-3) at Piedmont (11-0)

Gordo (10-1) at Fyffe (8-2)
Sylvania (9-2) at Winfield (10-1)
Mars Hill Bible (10-1) at Geraldine (9-2)

CLASS 4A

Fairfield (8-3) at W.S. Neal (5-6), **Brewton**
St. Michael Catholic (10-1) at Pleasant Grove (9-1)

Bibb County (8-3) at Jackson (10-1)
Ashford (6-5) at Tallassee (8-2)
Central-Florence (9-2) at Cherokee County (10-1), **Centre**

Alexandria (8-3) at Brooks (9-2), **Killen**
Good Hope (10-1) at Anniston (6-5)
West Morgan (11-0) at Madison Academy (7-4), **Madison**

CLASS 5A

Montgomery Catholic (10-0) at Citronelle (9-2)

Williamson (10-1) at Central, Clay County (11-0), **Lineville**

Vigor (10-1) at Eufaula (7-5)
Andalusia (7-4) at UMS-Wright (5-6), **Mobile**

Moody (8-2) at Wenonah (8-3), **Birmingham**

Ramsay (7-3) at Scottsboro (9-2)
Boaz (9-2) at Corner (10-1)
Leeds (9-2) at Fairview (10-0)

CLASS 6A

Pike Road (8-3) at St. Paul's Episcopal (9-2), **Mobile**

Spanish Fort (9-2) at Hueytown (8-3)
McAdory (7-3) at Saraland (10-0)
Russell County (9-2) at Spain Park (11-0), **Hoover**

Hartselle (9-2) at Oxford (11-0)
Homewood (9-2) at Fort Payne (9-2)
Parker (10-1) at Mountain Brook (8-3)
Clay-Chalkville (9-2) at Muscle Shoals (9-2)

CLASS 7A

Thompson (8-3) at Auburn (10-0)
Baker (9-2) at Enterprise (7-4)
Vestavia Hills (6-5) at Central-Phenix City (8-2)

Opelika (9-2) at Hoover (9-2)

Cross-country teams compete at state

The AHSAA state 'cross country' meet was held Saturday at the Oakville Indian Mounds course and runners from the three county schools all posted

solid performances.

The Zion Chapel and Kinston girls' teams both competed in Class 1A-2A competition and placed 12th and 13th,

respectively. A total of 137 runners took part in the division, with the Lady Rebels led by (56) Sarah Grace Taylor with a time of 24:16.51, (81) Allison Sutley with a time of 25:41.19, (82) Kally Johnson with a time of 25:43.53, (111) Emma Kate Dobbs with a time of 27:32.54, and (118) Taylar Stone with a time of 28:29.08. Leading the Lady Bulldogs were (57) Savannah Hawthorne with a time of 24:21.33, (76) Makayla Bond with a time of 25:26.0, (103) Isabella Withers with a time of 26:38.60, (104) Harper Morris with a time of 26:47.28, and (131) Hailee Goodwin with a time of 31:10.82.

Zion Chapel's Bert Oggs competed as an individual at the state meet in Class 1A-2A and placed 25th with a time of 18:32.2, while New Brockton's Grason Wallace competed in Class 4A and placed 26th with a time of 17:42.30. New Brockton was also represented by Circo Martinez, who placed 102nd with a time of 19:55.56.



Zion Chapel Rebel defender applies heavy pressure to Clarke County quarterback during last week's 2A playoff contest, in Grove Hill.

Rebels ousted in playoff opener 41-12

Statistics by, W.J. Adcock
Photos by, Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels scored the first time they got their hands on the football and the last time they got their hands on the football Friday night in the opening round of the Class 2A playoffs. Unfortunately for the Rebels, the Clarke County Bulldogs scored on five straight first half possessions to take command and posted a 41-12 win to end Zion Chapel's historic season.

Zion Chapel received the opening kickoff and stunned Clarke County when on the second play of the game John Foster Hamm connected with Jackson Dowdy on a 66-yard touchdown toss. The extra-point attempt failed, but with less than one minute gone off the clock the Rebels were already on top 6-0.

Clarke County had a quick answer to the Rebel score as the Bulldogs took the ensuing kickoff and in five running plays were in the endzone. The score came on a 4-yard run by Jamarcus Washington, and Lucas Kelley added the extra-point as Clarke County pulled ahead 7-6 with 9:34 left in the opening quarter.

Clarke County regained possession near midfield after a Rebel punt and this time needed four plays to extend its lead. Tamyus Pugh completed two passes to Standarius Gladney for 23 yards to help lead the Bulldogs down the field, while the touchdown came on a 39-yard dash by Ethan Henson. Kelley again added the extra-point as Clarke County upped its advantage to 14-6 with 5:43 remaining in the quarter.

The Bulldogs next possession started at the Zion Chapel 29-yardline after a fumble on a punt attempt, and they cashed in the turnover on a 5-yard run by Hayden Dotson to up their lead to 20-6 with 1:48 still left in the first quarter.

Clarke County began its next possession at its own 22-yardline after a Rebel punt and quickly covered the 78 yards to the endzone to extend its advantage. Hayden Dotson completed two passes for 49 yards to spark the long scoring march, while the score came on a 38-yard touchdown toss from Push to Gladney. Kelley added the extra-point as the Bulldogs lead grew to 27-6 with 8:35 remaining in the second quarter.



Zion Chapel Rebel John Foster Hamm (0) gets a brief rest on the sidelines during last week's 41-12 opening round loss.

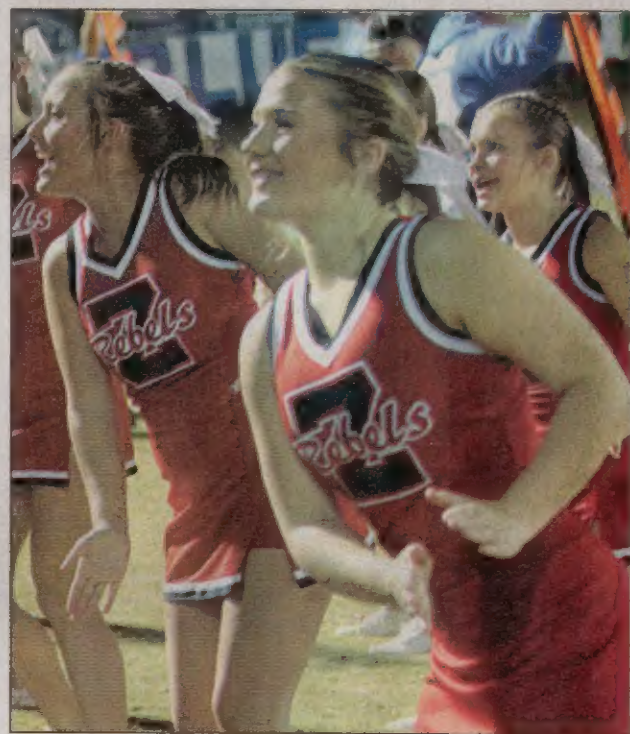
Then final Clarke County score of the first half came late when the Bulldogs went 57 yards after a Zion Chapel punt. The score came with 1:09 left on the clock on a 15-yard pass from Pugh to Danyon Horn, and after Kelley kicked the extra-point the Bulldogs carried a 34-6 lead in at intermission.

Clarke County's Jamarcus Washington returned the second half kickoff 84 yards for a touchdown and Kelley again added the extra-point to stretch the Bulldogs lead to 41-6 only 16-seconds into the third quarter, and that was how the scoreboard stayed until Zion Chapel's final offensive series, when the Rebels marched 80 yards in nine running plays

to score the final points of the game.

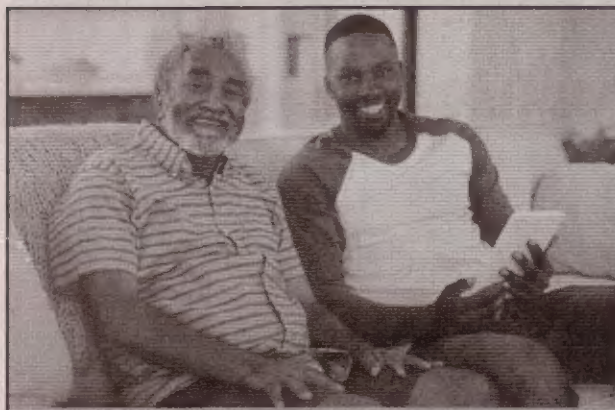
Brayden Benbow rushed for 71 yards on four carries to lead the Rebels down the field, while it was Kavan Brown that scored the touchdown on an 11-yard run as Zion Chapel closed the season with a touchdown in the 41-12 playoff loss.

Brayden Benbow rushed for 87 yards on 14 carries to lead the Rebels on the ground, while John Foster Hamm rushed for 24 yards on 14 carries and completed 3 of 6 passes for 78 yards and one touchdown, a 66-yard toss to Jackson Dowdy. Kavan Brown added 19 yards and one td rushing on two carries.



Zion Chapel Rebel cheerleaders keep the spirit along the sidelines during last week's Class 2A playoff opener in Clarke County.

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